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'They're saying ... I deserved it'

Justine Müller hopes to call attention to alleged harassment last fall by instructors of a Commissionaires of Nova Scotia training program — and the fact she still doesn't know what discipline was ordered. Exclusive story, page 4. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Fire hires on hold

PUBLIC SAFETY

Council has given no clear direction on staffing: Chief



Ruth Davenport
Metro | Halifax

The chief of Halifax's fire service says regional councillors were clear in telling him not to close three fire stations last week — but they weren't clear about what to do instead to resolve the service's outstanding staffing issues.

"The motions ... didn't say, 'Chief, go out and hire 60 more firefighters,'" said Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Chief Doug Trussler on Wednesday. "I read them very carefully. It's not in there."

Trussler had recommended closing stations on Lady Hammond Road, King Street and Patton Road and transferring the personnel to provide dedicated crews for aerial ladder trucks in Halifax and Dartmouth.

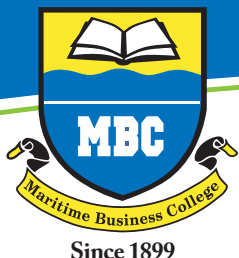
Now, Trussler said he'll need to hire 52 new firefighters — which he can't presently do.

"I need council's direction and approval to do that because, in our existing budget, we don't have funding," he said.

Trussler said he'll provide information on the financial implications for the main budget presentation on April 28 and is hoping for direction then.

"That's what I've been looking for all along, is clear and unambiguous direction on where council would like me to take the fire department," he said.

Council has approved hiring seven new firefighters — five for the Sheet Harbour station and two for Black Point — as part of the 2015-16 budget.



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SURVEILLANCE

No more late-night library visitors expected

Nearly two weeks after the new central library had a pair of unexpected nighttime visitors, the CEO of Halifax Public Libraries is confident that won't happen again.

On Wednesday, Asa Kachan said she was surprised to hear that a young couple was able to enter the building after hours on March 28 and immediately reviewed the security footage to see how they made it inside.

Kachan said surveillance video shows that two people entered the library around 2 a.m. and walked around the main floor for nearly 10 minutes.

Another young couple can be seen by a set of side doors peeking in but not taking a full step.

"They were clearly curious and looked around, but we saw no evidence they had done any damage to the library, and for that we were grateful," she said.

Kachan said staff concluded that the couple managed to enter through a pair of broken doors on Queen Street, which have since been fixed.

Staff have also been instructed to double-check those doors at night and an overnight security guard will remain on duty, she added.

In the meantime, Kachan encourages anyone who sees suspicious activity by the library to contact police.

"It's your library. It's my library and it's everybody's library in Halifax," she said.

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The CEO of Halifax Public Libraries said she was surprised to hear that a young couple was able to enter the library after hours on March 28. JEFF HARPER/METRO

No spend sprees at city hall: CFO

BUDGET

Official says focus has been on maintaining tax burden



With the city's final budget presentation coming up at the end of April, the city's chief financial officer is refuting the suggestion that Halifax has been on a "spending spree."

"The two years prior to this, there was about \$10 million in efficiencies each. And this year, I think we hit around \$6 million," said Greg Keefe on Wednesday.

The provincial chapter of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business published an opinion piece over the weekend stating that over the last 10 years, inflation-adjusted spending in Halifax has "ballooned" by 27 per cent, more than three times the population growth



The city's chief financial officer Greg Keefe says Halifax has been trying to find efficiencies to save money. JEFF HARPER/METRO

rate.

The piece suggested small businesses carry a "disproportionate load" of the increased spending, citing a tax rate 3.4 times that of the residential.

Keefe said merely comparing tax rates is problematic and said his current approach is to con-

sider the total contribution of commercial taxpayers compared to residential.

He said residential property taxes currently make up almost two-thirds of the city's total tax revenues compared to commercial taxes.

"Back in amalgamation, that was 50-50," he said. "Now, business is paying around 38 per cent and residents 61 (per cent), which is getting closer to a reasonable split of what the cost drivers are."

The two greatest cost drivers in HRM are salaries and pensions and the operating costs

of capital.

Keefe said there's only so much the city can do to control salary costs negotiated through collective bargaining and operating costs are generally the cost of doing business.

"New library, perfect example this year," he said. "The old library cost around \$3 million a year to operate; the new one's close to \$6 million.... It's not necessarily a bad thing, but it's a bigger building with more services. It costs more money to run."

Keefe will present the 2015-16 draft budget to council on April 28.

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The recommended percentage decrease to the commercial general tax rate.

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Marc Almon of Screen Nova Scotia hands a petition in support of the film tax credit to Finance Minister Diana Whalen with 24,000 names at Province Wednesday.

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Signed on the dotted line ... 24,000 times

BUDGET

Petition to save N.S. film tax credit given to finance minister



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

A petition with 24,000 signatures to preserve Nova Scotia's film tax credit was presented to the province's finance minister on Wednesday, just one day shy of when the new 2015-16 budget is announced.

Diana Whalen briefly met with representatives from the province's television, film and

digital media industries, and Marc Almon, chairman of Screen Nova Scotia — an industry body that represents workers in the different sectors — handed her a package with the thousands of signatures around 12:45 p.m.

Almon summed up the petition by asking Whalen to preserve the program as is, and consult with the industry before any forthcoming changes.

As she accepted the package, Whalen thanked the group, which managed to collect the signatures in just under four days. She said she appreciates how the petition reflects the views of many Nova Scotians.

"I know it's been a time of a lot of speculation and concern. I'm glad tomorrow's budget day," she said.

Afterward, Almon told reporters he's hopeful the petition will make a difference, but he remains uncertain as to what to think of comments Whalen made Tuesday that when it comes to the future of the tax credit, there will be a tomorrow.

"A small change in their eyes may not actually be a small change in ours and it may cause a big effect on our industry," Almon said.

"We feel we haven't been consulted properly on the situation."

On Wednesday, he emphasized the "critical" importance the industry has to the province's economy. Not only does it attract young people and new immigrants to stay and work in province, but, he added, it delivers thousands of "beloved" exported products.

Fears over the potential axing of the long-standing tax credit have been mounting since Whalen said the program was under review during a pre-budget speech to the Halifax

+ PREVIEW

Tough talk on budget

Premier Stephen McNeil says Thursday's budget will be a tough one that signals his government is serious about balancing the province's books during this mandate.

McNeil has cautioned for months that difficult decisions are ahead and the public will have to share in the pain as the province tries to bring down its deficit, which was last projected to be \$220.6 million.

He repeated those warnings on Wednesday.

"There are challenges facing this province and all Nova Scotians are going to

have to participate in helping the province get back to fiscal health," said McNeil.

The budget will reshape government services and the way they are delivered to the public, he said, adding that such changes need to happen to ensure core services such as health care and education remain at levels the public expects.

Finance Minister Diana Whalen has ruled out a spending freeze, saying the budget would instead include "first steps" in adopting recommendations from a report on the province's tax system.

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Chamber of Commerce nearly two weeks ago.

Since her initial statement, many film and arts groups have lobbied the government to save the program including

the Trailer Park Boys, who recently released a short video that gained the support of international celebrities such as rapper Snoop Dogg and rocker Axl Rose.

IN BRIEF

McNeil rejects fixed election date, despite previous promise

Changes introduced Wednesday to Nova Scotia's Elections Act do not include a fixed election date, which was recommended by the province's chief electoral officer.

Premier Stephen McNeil says the fixed dates don't work in other provinces, adding that Alberta and P.E.I. called elections this week well in advance of when they were scheduled.

"What we are seeing is the fixed dates haven't been working, so when we amended the legislation

we didn't put one in," he said.

"Legislation across the country hasn't resulted in fixed election dates; that's

Nova Scotia is forgoing a fixed election date.

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the issue. We're not in the business of creating legislation that people don't adhere to or wouldn't be adhered to in this province."

Nova Scotia is the only province that doesn't have a fixed date.

Last year, McNeil came out in support of fixed-date elections, saying at the time that a debate was still needed on whether to have elections in the fall or spring.

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Birth certificate requirements eased for transgender citizens

Nova Scotians would be allowed to display on their birth certificate the gender they identify with, regardless of whether they had sex reassignment surgery, under legislation introduced on Wednesday.

The provincial government says amendments to the Vital Statistics Act are intended to further protect the province's transgender population from harassment and discrimination.

The government says they are also designed to eliminate the stress of carrying documents that don't match a person's identified gender.

More than 600 Nova Scotians signed a petition in the fall, calling for the amendment.

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We're hopeful that our message has gotten through and that the government understands the importance of this industry.

Marc Almon, chairman of Screen Nova Scotia

Woman speaks on harassment

WORKPLACE

Justine Müller: 'They should be embarrassed'



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A Halifax woman is speaking out about harassment and an old-fashioned mentality she says she experienced with Commissionaires Nova Scotia (CNS), that she says has no role in today's workplace.

Justine Müller, 28, attended an unpaid Commissionaire Security Officer Course (CSOC) from Oct. 29 to Nov. 7 in order to work with the Commissionaires, but was dismissed on the last day for going "off topic" and questioning the material, according to a draft investigation report by J.W. Ford Workplace Investigations, who was hired by CNS to review Müller's complaints.

"People have to question why you would say, 'Don't question something,'" Müller said, shaking her head in a recent interview with Metro.

"They should be embarrassed and they should want to change."

Müller, who attended university in Halifax and has lived here for the past five years, said she at first thought nothing of being the

only woman in the class of 20.

As it went on, she said, it seemed like the instructors were treating her differently than her male classmates, especially when she pointed out comments she felt were inappropriate or sexist.

Müller wrote to CNS on Nov. 20, 2014 to allege harassment and sexual harassment, including a comment made by the first instructor when discussing people who don't resemble their ID photos, Müller said.

He joked how "sexual reassignment surgery" opens up a whole new can of worms regarding whether someone looks male or female, she said.



You can't just say 'Oh I didn't mean to be offensive,' or 'Oh, but I'm a guy.' That's not an excuse anymore.

Justine Müller

When Müller said she explained the correct term was "sex reassignment", she said the instructor didn't acknowledge he had said something wrong.

"By even that one comment you've just alienated that person or that group of people. They would never feel comfortable," she said.

"That's not OK."

The instructor also said women don't like looking at themselves in those "silly mirrors that distort one's figure," Müller wrote, while a second instructor who arrived at the end of the program referred to another Commissionaire as a "real woman," as his hands formed an hourglass figure.

Aside from the comments,



Justine Müller attended an unpaid Commissionaire Security Officer Course from Oct. 29 to Nov. 7. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Müller said, much of the subject material seemed dated and the instructors often contradicted themselves or couldn't answer questions about specific security situations.

By the end of the program, Müller said she was becoming so anxious and uncomfortable she once left class for fresh air, and on the final day arrived an hour late but said she had an appointment.

"The reality was, I was crying," Müller said about being stressed and feeling ill. "I'm usually so level-headed."

+ NO COMMENT

Commissionaires say they can't comment on discipline

A spokeswoman for Commissionaires Nova Scotia says despite Justine Müller's concerns, they are "satisfied" with the report findings. Laura MacGregor said CNS did have a firm complete an external investigation into Müller's harassment allegations in January. "CNS was satisfied with the investigator's report

findings, and CNS took appropriate subsequent action," MacGregor said.

Due to employee privacy concerns, MacGregor said she couldn't comment on any consequences that were handed out.

"I can't really get into those details other than from recommendations of the report, action was taken," she said.

HALEY RYAN/METRO

attitude and focus" for a security guard.

A man who took the course and preferred not to be identified — whom we will call Matthew — said a lot of friction seems to come from ex-military Commissionaires, used to the hierarchy of rank, mixing with civilians now accepted to CNS.

"[They think] 'I'm the section commander ... you don't speak to me that way,'" Matthew said.

"It was just poorly handled, period. You don't let somebody attend a ... course and on the eighth day decide you don't meet the requirements."

Of the roughly 1,600 Commissionaires across Nova Scotia, a CNS spokesperson said 17.4 per cent (286) are women. Müller emailed the investigator with her thoughts on the report on Dec. 15, and said she was frustrated none of her explanations for the confusion around scheduling, or other reasons for her dismissal, were included in the report.

Another complaint says the

second instructor had asked Matthew if he and Müller were friends when he saw him comforting her when she was upset at being let go.

When Matthew replied they had met on the course, the second instructor, according to the report, said he had been joking with the other teacher that Matthew must be "hung like a horse" for Müller to hang out with him, by hitting below his knee to suggest Matthew was well endowed.

"I'm appalled by it," Matthew said. "I was like, 'You've got to be kidding me.'"

The report includes statements from both instructors defending their actions, and the first instructor said "he listened to what [Müller] contributed in class and his actions were never meant to embarrass or insult her in any way."

"They're saying I wasn't harassed, I was kicked out or spoken to that way because I deserved it," Müller said.

+ REPORT

Final report findings

On Jan. 14, CNS CEO Bruce Belliveau sent Justine Müller a letter with the findings of the final report, which stated there was no harassment towards her on the part of both instructors, but it appears the actions and language used by the instructors during training "were in contravention of the policies of CNS with regards to sexual harassment."

Given the findings, Belliveau wrote the "appropriate disciplinary action" was taken, but the final report would not be released and Müller said she still doesn't know what action was taken.

The findings did state Müller's complaint should "in part" be founded, since the actions contravened

CNS policies, Belliveau wrote.

Müller said it doesn't make sense to divide the issues because the harassment had to be directed towards someone.

"How can you separate the two?" she said.

Now Müller said she wants to see CNS update their training material, change instructors, and remind employees it's acceptable for women to hold a differing opinion during a discussion.

It's also not a case just learning the ropes and not "rocking the boat" to get a job, Müller said.

"No one else should have to through that. People should know that that's the way they operate and they should change," she said.

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CNS CEO Bruce Belliveau.
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Amy Honey of Fancy Lucky Vintage will host Halifax's first vintage clothing swap on Thursday. CONTRIBUTED

Etsy Vintage Swap comes to Halifax

FASHION

Exchange gives aficionados a chance to learn the business



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Amy Honey has collected vintage for as long as she can remember.

The girl who once wore a 1950s dress to her prom and spent afternoons rifling through second hand shops in Halifax eventually opened a boutique of her own, Fancy Lucky Vintage, in Lawrencetown about five years ago.

"I started selling because my personal collection was getting crazy, but I couldn't stop buying it because I just love it," she said on Wednesday, laughing.

"The rest is sort of history."

On top of being a full-time retailer, the 40-year-old also runs her own Etsy store — an

online marketplace for crafters to sell their wares.

On Thursday, Honey will help vintage lovers learn how to set up their own online business, as host of the city's first Etsy Vintage Swap.

The way it works is simple: Participants can bring up to five pieces of vintage jewelry, clothing or other accessories and then swap them for others.

Honey said all items must be at least 20 years old — the cutoff point for what's considered vintage — and in good condition.

Collectors will get more than a new spring wardrobe, she said. They'll also get information about to learn how to start their own Etsy shop either as a hobby, or full-time venture.

"There's a lot to it, but it's actually really easy once you get the hang of it," Honey said.

Selling vintage requires research to properly describe each product, right down to the type of stitch on a piece's seam. Next, she said, sellers must be fluent in marketing key words and have the know-

how to promote their products using social media.

She said collectors often must restore their garments to make them ready-to-wear and find the right photography.

"Now that we have so much more access to a visual world immediately instead of waiting for our subscription to Vogue to come in the mail, vintage has really taken off."

The swap takes place Thursday at the Khyber Centre for the Arts, from 6 to 10 p.m.

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What's vintage?

Amy Honey, owner of Fancy Vintage Clothing says by definition, vintage is anything made in 1995 or before that.

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EDUCATION

Olympic-style competition showcases students' skills

Ernesto Carranza
For Metro | Halifax

You could tell Ryan Doherty felt confident as he checked the electrical charges of a refrigeration unit.

The 21-year-old was preparing for the annual Nova Scotia Skills Competition, an Olympic-style event that showcases skills from 16 various trade and technology fields, which is taking place at the NSCC Waterfront campus in Dartmouth on Friday.

It will be Doherty's second time competing in the event, and although he has some idea of what to expect "it is always a surprise," he said on Wednesday.

He said mastering the competition comes down to problem solving. He recalled an example from last year where participants were presented with a busted refrigeration unit, which required mechanical, plumbing and engineering work that had to be performed under a time limit.

Besides showing off his



Ryan Doherty checks the electrical charges of a refrigeration unit in preparation for Friday's Nova Scotia Skills Competition. ERNESTO CARRANZA/FOR METRO

skills, what the second-year refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic student looks forward to most is the chance to meet industry leaders who will be judging the various competitions.

"The networking that you do through the skills competition is what helps you get a job and not just how you measure up," Doherty said.

"We have the opportu-

1,000
More than 1,000 students and faculty will take part in Friday's event.

ity to show our worth and potential to people from the industries that we want to join someday."

On Wednesday, Shannon Campbell of Skills Canada — an organization that promotes careers in trades and technologies for young people — said while most of the competitors are soon-to-be college grads, she said there will also be a some high school students taking part.

"The skills competition is a good way to showcase the skills the students have," said Campbell.

YMCA

Changes coming to Akerley facility

The Dartmouth Family YMCA says soon it will no longer offer gym membership services at the NSCC Akerley campus.

Instead, the gym will be become a community outreach facility on June 26.

With the pool closure in December 2014 and declining membership levels, keeping the gym open just wasn't a sustainable option, a news release said Wednesday.

"The hope was that there would continue to be enough participation to sustain membership-based programming at the site, but unfortunately, the numbers are simply not strong enough," said the release.

The YMCA says it will con-

+ MORE SUPPORT

The release said the NSCC Akerley campus will also continue to support wellness programming for its own students and staff.

tinue to offer Friday evening group fitness class, and forever fit classes for seniors inside the NSCC's Akerley gymnasium.

"The YMCA cares very much about our employees, volunteers, members and participants and will work to support them through this transition to alternate providers," said the release.

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IN BRIEF

Two teens face drug charges: RCMP

Two teens are facing drug charges after RCMP stopped a vehicle in Lower Sackville they say smelled of marijuana.

It happened around 9:15 p.m., Tuesday. Halifax District RCMP stopped the car with four people inside for a traffic violation on Sackville Drive.

The officer noticed a strong smell of marijuana coming from inside the car, a release said, and a search found marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

The driver and a 17-year-old passenger were arrested, and face drug charges of possession and trafficking. METRO

Fraud charge for former municipal CAO

A former chief administrative officer for the West Hants Municipality in Nova Scotia has been charged with fraud over \$5,000 and breach of public trust.

The RCMP arrested a 55-year-old woman on Tuesday after a nine-month investigation.

The Mounties say the municipality contacted them after noticing irregularities in their financial records in June 2014.

Cheryl Chislett has been released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Windsor provincial court on April 28.

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The cast of Neptune Theatre's production of *The Addams Family: A New Musical*. JEFF HARPER/METRO

'Crazy characters' come alive on stage

NEPTUNE THEATRE

New Addams Family musical offering 'a bit of everything'

Julia Manoukian
For Metro | Halifax

It's a story that's stood the test of time — and now you can catch the musical at Neptune Theatre.

The Addams Family: A New Musical, directed by Neptune's artistic director George Pothitos, tells the story of grown-up Wednesday Addams, who falls in love with a young man from a "warm-blooded" family.

The meeting of the two families touches on the timeless themes of acceptance, unity and love.

"The Addams Family, because they are these crazy characters from a nowhere land, 'cause

they don't really exist, are able to comment on things in a different way, so that we as an audience have a different perspective," said Robb Torr, who plays Gomez Addams.

"All the characters have a very specific sound. You get a bit of everything in the show," added Steffi DiDomenicantonio, who plays Wednesday Addams, and was also a finalist on the 2006 season of Canadian Idol.

Torr and DiDomenicantonio both praise composer and lyricist Andrew Lipka's score in the musical.

"He tips his hat to almost every successful show without copying it," Torr said, citing *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* and *Avenue Q*.

Audiences can expect classical Broadway with a mix of the modern. Wednesday's music, for example, is "more rocky, with a pop sensibility," explained DiDomenicantonio.

Those familiar with the original Addams Family will notice Wednesday's classic little black

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The Addams Family: A New Musical premieres Friday and runs until May 24.

dress look, with a collar, from the single-panel New Yorker cartoon. The boots were even custom-made to look identical to those in the cartoon.

In an effort to impress her boyfriend's parents, Wednesday also sports a yellow dress, and later, a wedding dress.

"But of course, it's a Wednesday Addams wedding dress so it has a bit of a goth twist," said DiDomenicantonio "Really poofy and great."

Torr, on the other hand, was working on his moustache before he had a costume. He said he wanted to maintain the traditional Addams family formality.

"For the entire rehearsal period, I wore shoes that I imagined Gomez would wear, rather than my Blundstones, which is my norm," he said.

DiDomenicantonio said there may be airborne actors, and potentially some explosions in the play, but she doesn't want to give anything specific away.

"The team at Neptune Theatre is absolutely incredible," she added.

I feel like the Addams family is the family that everybody wants to have. They're dark and they're weird, but their values are so strong. And they love each other so much. Steffi DiDomenicantonio

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Aly Thomson
Metro | Halifax

Long gone are the days of playing an album from front to back. But one legendary Canadian rock band isn't ready to let go.

"We're sort of living in an age where we've seen the album virtually disappear," said Rob Baker, guitarist for The Tragically Hip.

"We're living in a world of singles. But some of my favourite music was the whole album experience.

"So this tour is a celebration of that, before it's gone forever."

The Hip brings their Fully and Completely tour to Halifax's Scotiabank Centre on Saturday, a stage they have graced numerous times.

Fully and Completely — one of the band's most iconic albums — boasts a number of hits including Wheat Kings, Courage, At The Hundredth Meridian and Fifty-Mission Cap.

The 12-track record is also a challenging one to play

through, said Baker.

"It's quite relentless," said Baker, known for his entrancing guitar licks and long, pin-straight hair.

"I think everyone (in the band) is enjoying it, but finding it physically and emotionally demanding.

"You really have to be in the zone."

Fans can expect five new Fully and Completely songs before the band launches into the nostalgic album track-for-track, finishing with another five Hip favourites.

There will also be a multimedia element to the show, Baker said.

It's an unusual move for a band fronted by the theatrically eccentric Gord Downie, who's normally the centre of attention, captivating the crowd with bizarre dancing and seemingly off-the-cuff poetry.

"We're not trying to keep up with Beyoncé," said Baker in his silky baritone voice.

"At the same time, we're doing something that I think really works in the context of our band and that album."

Baker said adding Halifax to their long list of tour dates was a "no-brainer."

"There's no decision involved. I love Halifax, I've always loved Halifax, since the first time doing a one-week stand at Rosa's Cantina," said Baker.



"I love Halifax. I've always loved Halifax, since the first time doing a one-week stand at Rosa's Cantina."

Rob Baker, lead guitarist of The Tragically Hip

"It's a beautiful scenic city. It's a really good town for young people. Being from Kingston, I appreciate that."

The rock legends, a mainstay on Canadian rock airwaves for more than two decades, kicked off their North American tour in January and will continue touring for much of this year.

Fully and Completely, the band's fourth studio album, reached No. 1 in Canada and sold more than a million copies.



BACKGROUND

The Tragically Hip

The five-piece group includes Baker, Downie, Johnny Fay (drums), Paul Langlois (guitar) and Gord Sinclair (bass).



Gord Downie of The Tragically Hip performs during Live At Squamish in 2012. METRO FILE





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FATAL ACCIDENT

Teen may return to school

A suspended 15-year-old Sydney Academy student facing a criminal charge in connection with a fatal accident at the school in February will be allowed to return if the board consents.

Provincial court Judge Peter Ross, sitting as youth court judge, granted a defence motion Wednesday to change a condition of release for the youth to allow him to attend school board properties with the expressed permission of the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board.

A board spokesperson was not immediately available for comment Wednesday but one official said the board will wait to receive a copy of the change before any decision is made.

The student was suspended after being charged with criminal negligence causing death in relation to the Feb. 11 accident which claimed the life of 18-year-old Christopher Walter Chafe, also of Sydney.

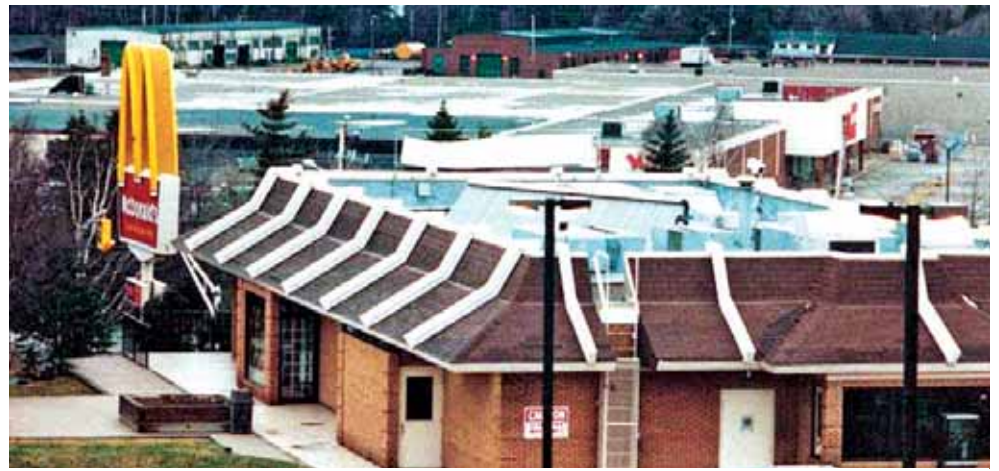
The charge against the accused, who cannot be named in accordance with the Youth Criminal Justice Act, alleges he was negligent by pushing Chafe, which caused him to fall into the path of a school bus.

During Wednesday's youth court hearing, prosecutor Mark Gouthro requested the court adjourn the defence application to vary the release conditions for two weeks at the request of the board. But defence lawyers Matt MacNeil and James Snow argued that another two week delay robs their client of an opportunity to finish off his year.

CAPE BRETON POST



Derek Anthony Wood CAPE BRETON POST



Crime scene tape surrounds the Sydney River McDonald's restaurant in this 1992 file photo. CAPE BRETON POST

Man convicted in McD's slayings denied parole

CRIME

Board told Derek Wood he is still a risk to society

One of the men convicted in the slayings of three people at a McDonald's restaurant in Cape Breton more than 20 years ago has had his application for day parole denied after the Parole Board of Canada concluded that Derek Anthony Wood is still a risk to society.

In a decision dated March 31, the parole board cited a number of reasons for rejecting day

parole for Wood.

The board said he has re-offended in a violent manner while in prison, pointing to a 1998 assault against another inmate involving sharpened paint brushes and a sharpened toothbrush and the assaults of two correctional officers in 2006.

"The board is satisfied that by reoffending you will present an undue risk to society and your day parole release will not contribute to the protection of society," the decision said.

The ruling said while Wood acknowledges that it was his idea to rob the McDonald's restaurant on May 7, 1992, he did not know it would turn violent, indicating his lack of insight

into his criminality.

Wood was sentenced to life in prison with no eligibility for parole for 25 years after being convicted of a number of charges including two counts of first-degree murder.

The parole board said inmates serving life sentences with no eligibility for parole for 25 years can apply for day parole after serving 22 years of their sentence.

Wood was an employee of the McDonald's in Sydney River and was the mastermind behind a botched robbery during which three people were killed and one paralyzed. He shot three employees in the head after entering the restaurant with

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Additional factor

The board's decision also said that Derek Wood, now in his early 40s, has been isolated for nearly seven years, has not shown the ability to function in a less restrictive setting and minimizes his responsibility for his status as a maximum security prisoner.

two other men.

Darren Richard Muise pleaded guilty to armed robbery and second-degree murder in the

stabbing death of Neil Burroughs, a married father and maintenance worker at the McDonald's.

Jimmy Fagan, 27, another maintenance worker, was shot dead along with 22-year-old shift manager Donna Warren.

Cash clerk Arleen MacNeil was also shot but she survived and is paralyzed.

Muise was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 20 years. He was granted full parole in 2012.

A third man, Freeman MacNeil, is serving a life sentence with no eligibility for parole for 25 years after being convicted of first-degree murder.

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CRIME

Police search for man using stolen credit card

Halifax police are asking for help in finding a man they say used a credit card stolen from a downtown bar. On March 20, a woman at a downtown Halifax bar noticed her purse, which contained her credit card, had been stolen.

After reporting the theft to her credit card company the next day, the woman was told her card had been used at several businesses throughout the HRM.

Halifax Regional Police have released a picture (below) of a man who they say used the stolen credit card at the Sobeys's Fast Fuel at 543 Portland Street, and the Shoppers Drug Mart on Tacoma Drive in Dartmouth.

He is described as a white man in his thirties with a



An image of the suspect.

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beard and glasses. At the time of the incident, police say he was wearing a "Dewalt" baseball cap and driving a silver Dodge Grand Caravan. Anyone with information is asked to contact Halifax Regional Police or send an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers. METRO

Driver ticketed nearly \$700 for hitting pedestrian

Halifax Regional Police have ticketed a woman nearly \$700 for hitting a pedestrian in a crosswalk in Bedford.

Police say officers responded to an accident at the intersection of Rockmanor Drive and Rocky Lake Road on Wednesday around 8 a.m., after a 17-year-old boy in a crosswalk was hit by a vehicle travelling east bound on Rocky Lake Drive.

He suffered non life-threatening injuries and was taken to hospital.

Police have since issued a 51-year-old woman a summary offence ticket under the Motor Vehicle Act for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. The fine for the ticket issued was \$693.96. METRO

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FUNDING

RCMP put more into terror investigations

The RCMP has been forced to shuffle more cash and officers into terrorism investigations as Ottawa's contribution has remained static over the last decade, documents show.

The Mounties diverted \$22.9 million from other operations to the Integrated National Security Enforcement Teams (INSETs) in 2013-14.

The RCMP's share of INSET funding has been steadily rising from \$717,000 in 2003 to more than \$20 million for each of the last three fiscal years.

Meanwhile, the federal government's contribution to INSETs has remained static at \$10 million a year since 2003.

The documents state investigators have been reassigned, on a temporary basis, from "dedicated special investi-

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- **\$717,716:** RCMP's contribution to INSETs in 2003-2004.
- **\$22,864,779:** RCMP's contribution to INSETs in 2013-2014.

gative teams, surveillance, undercover teams, technical intercepts, analytical support, wiretap warrants and production orders."

In an appearance before a Commons committee in March, RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson told MPs that the force has sufficient resources — but other investigations move to the backburner as a result of the shuffling. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

FACEBOOK

Toddler's photo used in 'hurtful' campaign



Jeremy Nolaïs
Metro | Calgary

At just 20 months old, Calgary-area tot Adele Collins has already become a face for acceptance of people with Down syndrome.

But now the young girl's mother, Krista Rowland-Collins, is crying foul as an anonymous Facebook entity has stolen a photo of the girl and repurposed it as part of a campaign claiming that, among other things, administering vaccinations to children can lead to them developing an extra chromosome and render them severely autistic.

The group, known as Disciples of The New Dawn, has also stated that mothers who don't breast-feed put their children at risk of developing autism, and those opting to give birth via caesarean section are inferior. Adele's photo is one of many that used by the group.

"Having them do this to

our kids was so hurtful and so wrong," said Rowland-Collins.

She's fighting to have the Disciples page taken down and has been lodging complaints every day with Facebook about the group since first discovering her daughter's picture March 24.

To date, two of the editions of the Disciples page have been taken down — it's not clear by whom — but a "v3.0" offering remained active Wednesday afternoon.

Little is known about the group. "The Disciples of the New Dawn are led by Father Patrick Embry. We resist the activities of the Communist Masters who seek to control us all," reads a description on their current page.

The group has sparked some media controversy, especially after the number of "likes" on their original page topped 10,000.

"They're providing medical advice that could potentially kill children," Rowland-Collins said.



Suspended senator Mike Duffy leaves court after the second day of his trial in Ottawa on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Duffy trial focusing on primary residence

EXPENSE SCANDAL

Day 2: Both sides looking to define terms

In a trial expected to delve deep into the often murky rules of the Senate, an ordinary dictionary played a key role Wednesday during suspended senator Mike Duffy's second day in court.

The definition both sides were in search of: what it means for a place to be someone's primary residence.

It's a key element in the case. The 31 charges Duffy faces include allegations that he fraudulently claimed living expenses for a home in an Ottawa suburb, where he spent most of his time, while declaring a summer house in P.E.I. as his primary residence.

Retired Senate law clerk Mark Audcent was the Crown's first

witness, telling the court that as part of his job, he briefed every new senator as part of an orientation process designed to provide an overview of the requirements of the job.

To be appointed a senator, court heard, a person must meet certain criteria, including being a resident of the province from which they were appointed.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced on Dec. 22, 2008 that Duffy would become a senator for Prince Edward Island.

Audcent told the court that in Duffy's orientation session — which took place the next day — he wouldn't have gone specifically over what it means to be a resident, saving such detailed discussions for if or when a senator asked for more information.

But by his own estimation, Audcent said, determining residency requires considering a set of indicators, among them

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Mark Audcent was shown a memo which dealt with the section of the Constitution that talks about the need for a senator to be resident in the province represented.

The memo noted that the Senate is master of its own house when it comes to deciding what residency means and that no one had

ever been disqualified from sitting in the Senate over a residency question, provided they continued to own property in the province they represented.

The memo said if a senator told the upper chamber he or she was a resident of a particular province, everyone accepted it.

where a person primarily lives, where they pay their taxes and get government services such as a health care and where they socialize, doing things like going to church or bowling.

But the meaning of residence has never been defined, either in the Constitution or by the Senate, Audcent acknowledged during cross-examination by Duffy's lawyer, Donald Bayne.

Bayne put pages of the concise Oxford English Dictionary in front of Audcent, having him read the definition of primary as "of chief importance or principal."

So, since the constitutionality of Duffy's appointment hinged on him being a resident of P.E.I., it must de facto be his "primary" residence, Bayne said.

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IN BRIEF

Passengers warned of measles risk

Passengers on another flight from China to Vancouver are being warned that they may have contracted measles and should get vaccinated if their immunizations are not up to date. Officials said a person diagnosed with the disease over the weekend exposed passengers on an Air China/Air Canada flight, which arrived at Vancouver's airport Saturday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

CF-18s launch first strikes in Syria

Canadian warplanes have bombed their first targets in Syria, Defence Minister Jason Kenney announced online late Wednesday. Kenney says on Twitter that two CF-18s struck an Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant garrison in Ar-Raqqa, which is about 160 kilometres east of the embattled city of Aleppo. Kenney provided no other details. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Duffy's Senate expense claims vs. diary entries

Mike Duffy faces 31 charges relating to expense claims he made while part of the Conservative caucus. The following entries compare what Duffy said on his Senate expense claim form with what he wrote in his personal diary for the same dates.

1 Speaking trip to Toronto from Ottawa related to Senate business.

Expense claim: Duffy billed \$856 to his Senate American Express card and put in for \$377 in expenses.

Diary entry: Duffy spent the previous day in Peterborough with then-Conservative MP Dean Del Mastro; on June 20, drove to Cambridge, Ont., for an event with Conservative MP Barry Devolin, then took a taxi to Pearson Airport in Toronto and flew home to Ottawa with a Federal Court judge.

2 Trip to Vancouver with his wife for Senate business.

Expense claim: Duffy billed \$7,843 to his Senate Amer-

ican Express card and put in for \$461 in expenses.

Diary entry: Travelled to Vancouver on Sept. 5 to attend his daughter Miranda's play at the Jericho Playhouse; had planned to travel to Victoria the following day for a public event with Conservative MP Gary Lunn, but cancelled and had dinner with his children; On Sept. 7, spoke to Sen. Linda Frum, stayed behind while his wife and someone named Janey hiked Grouse Mountain, went out for dinner and chatted with a Vancouver casting director; On Sept. 8, had discussions about insulation and storing a television and flew back to Ottawa.

3 Duffy and his wife travelled to Peterborough, Ont., on "public business," for what he said were meetings with local officials to discuss "broadcasting issues."

Expense claim: Duffy put in for \$698 in expenses.

Diary entry: On July 2, Duffy and his wife drove to Peterborough and spent the night at a motel; the next morning, they had coffee with Del Mastro and his wife. Later, Duffy attended a Canadian Kennel Club show before driving to Pembroke, Ont., for dinner at a restaurant before returning to Ottawa.

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THE FOOTAGE

Scott runs away, Slager fires eight shots

This combination of still images taken from an April 4, 2015 video, shot over a chain link fence and through some trees after Walter Lamer Scott had left his car, shows Scott appearing to break away from a confrontation with city patrolman Michael Thomas Slager, right, in North Charleston, S.C. In the video, as Scott runs away, Slager pulls out his handgun and fires at Scott, who drops to the ground after the eighth shot. Slager has been fired and charged with murder following the release of the dramatic video, provided by attorney L. Chris Stewart, representing the family of Walter Lamer Scott.

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Rev. Dr. Arthur Prioleau holds a sign during a protest in the shooting death of Walter Scott at city hall in North Charleston, S.C., Wednesday. Scott was killed by a North Charleston police officer after a traffic stop on Saturday. CHUCK BURTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

S.C. officer, charged with murder, is fired

POLICE BRUTALITY

Mayor orders police to wear body cameras

A white South Carolina police officer who claimed he killed an unarmed black man in self-defence has been fired, the city's mayor announced Wednesday, a day after the release of a video showing the officer firing eight shots at the fleeing man's back.

The mayor also announced that he had ordered body cameras to be worn by every single officer on the force in North Charleston.

Protests began within hours of the murder charge against Michael Thomas Slager.

"I have watched the video. And I was sickened by what I saw. And I have not watched it since," Police Chief Eddie Driggers said. He was interrupted by chants of "no justice, no peace" and other shouted questions that he and the mayor said they could not answer.

The town will continue to pay for Slager's health insurance because his wife is eight months pregnant, said Mayor Keith Summey, who called the incident a tragedy for two families.

About 75 people gathered outside City Hall, led by Black Lives



I almost couldn't look at it to see my son running defencelessly, being shot. It just tore my heart to pieces.

Judy Scott, the slain man's mother, on ABC's Good Morning America

Matter, a group formed after the fatal shooting of another black man in Ferguson, Mo.

"Eight shots in the back!" local organizer Muhiyidin D'Baha shouted through a bullhorn. The crowd yelled, "In the back!" in response.

The video recorded by an unidentified bystander shows North Charleston Patrolman Michael Thomas Slager dropping his Taser, pulling out his Glock pistol and firing at Walter Lamer Scott from a distance as he runs away. The 50-year-old man falls after the eighth shot.

The dead man's father, Walter Scott Sr., said Wednesday that the officer "looked like he was trying to kill a deer running through the woods."

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BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING

Tsarnaev guilty on all 30 charges

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was convicted by a federal jury Wednesday on all charges in the Boston Marathon bombing; that jury now must decide whether the 21-year-old former college student should be executed.

Tsarnaev folded his arms, fidgeted and looked down at the defence table as he listened to one guilty verdict after another on all 30 counts against him, including conspiracy and deadly use of a weapon of mass destruction. Seventeen of those counts are punishable by death.

The verdict — reached after a day and a half of deliberations — was practically a foregone conclusion, given his lawyer's startling admission at the trial's outset that Tsarnaev carried out the terror attack with his now-dead older brother, Tamerlan.

The two shrapnel-packed pressure-cooker bombs that exploded near the finish line on April 15, 2013, killed three spectators and wounded more than 260 other people, turning the traditionally celebratory home stretch of the world-famous race into a scene of carnage and putting the city on edge for days.

Tsarnaev was found responsible not only for those deaths but for the killing of a Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer who was gunned down days later.

In the trial's next phase, which could begin as early as Monday, the jury will hear evidence on whether Tsarnaev should get the death penalty or spend the rest of his life in prison.

In a bid to save him from a death sentence, defence attorney Judy Clarke has argued that Tsarnaev, then 19, fell under the influence of his radicalized brother. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INSIDER ATTACK

Afghan soldier opens fire and kills one American, wounds two

An Afghan soldier shot and killed a U.S. soldier and wounded two others Wednesday before being shot dead, the first so-called "insider attack" to target NATO troops since they ended their combat mission at the start of the year.

The shooting happened after Afghan provincial leaders met a U.S. Embassy official at the compound of the Nangarhar provincial governor in the city of Jalalabad. All U.S. Embassy staff were accounted for and safe, the

diplomatic mission said.

"Right after the U.S. official had left, suddenly an Afghan army soldier opened fire on the U.S. soldiers who were present in the compound," said Afghan Gen. Fazel Ahmad Sherzad, the police chief for eastern Nangarhar province.

The American troops returned fire, killing the Afghan soldier, whom Sherzad identified as Abdul Azim of Laghman province. The motive for his attack was not immediately

known and no group claimed responsibility for the assault. In past attacks, Taliban insurgents have been known to wear Afghan police or military uniforms to stage attacks on the international troops. Others have opened fire apparently on their own accord, like an Afghan soldier who last year killed Maj. Gen. Harold J. Greene, the highest-ranked U.S. officer to be slain in combat since 1970 in the Vietnam War.

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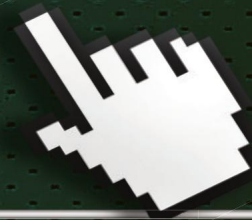
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Should we have a national pharmacare program?

YES: Canada's system is fragmented and inefficient

Every developed country with a universal health-care system has universal coverage of prescription drugs — except Canada. Without adequate coverage, one in 10 Canadians can't afford to take their prescriptions as written. Having multiple drug plans in every province decreases our purchasing power on the world market and increases admin costs. This leads to at least \$4 billion in unnecessary costs every year. The proof that it would work is found in countries like the U.K., which provides universal coverage of necessary medicines at prices far lower than Canada, while attracting five times as much R&D on a per capita basis.

Steve Morgan is a professor with UBC and the founder of Pharmacare 2020.

NO: Sounds great on paper, but won't work in reality

1. Health care is clearly a provincial area of jurisdiction. 2. There's a perpetual tendency for those favouring new spending to make extremely optimistic cost assumptions. Costs are usually much higher. 3. Our system is one of the most expensive in the world. Maybe we need to look at fundamental reform rather than embedding pharmacare in a mediocre system. 4. Lowering costs puts downward pressure on pharma profits, which discourages investment in new drugs. Alternatively, they will inflate prices in other markets. Are we OK with people in other countries being charged through the nose so we can have cheap drugs?

Aaron Wudrick is the federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

The ocean makes me inconsequential, and yet somehow complete

Clouds crowded over the stone buildings as I walked into work yesterday morning.

Dark, drizzling rain and wind — it felt like my home by the sea.

I left Victoria years ago, moved between landlocked cities and ended up in the Big Smoke, or maybe the Big Cement.

And I have never stopped yearning for the ocean. To smell it. To look out at the horizon, the water frothed and steel grey. Or look out at the lack of a horizon on white days when the sky and sea are indistinguishable.

It's more than a nice view: The ocean strips away thoughts and settles me. It dwarfs my small life by its size and power, makes me inconsequential, and yet somehow complete.

It's the exact opposite of a city's crowded sidewalks fenced in by skyscrapers, bumping shoulders with the competitors. The city judges. It demands that you constantly be someone, do something, worthwhile.

Mike O'Brien — a man I've never met — also feels the ocean's pull.

He has long lived in Winnipeg, is dying of cancer, and he recently returned home to Victoria.

"You spend the rest of your life trying to get back," Mike told a reporter who happened upon him, his son and

wife by the water.

"I thought, okay, if I have time for one last trip (and my doctor told me I don't) where do I want to go? I want to come back here and see it one last time," he said.

It would be my last trip, too.

Sometimes, I look out at Lake Ontario and try to imagine it's the ocean. Sometimes when I hear a seagull's shriek I am, for a split second, on a rocky shore in B.C. at high tide.

On recent trips home, I've waded into frigid winter water just to feel the soft buoyancy, and taste the tang of seaweed and salt. It's not enough to look at the ocean, sometimes, for the worries to fade. I want to be swallowed.

"When I look out beyond the island, I like to imagine sailing off and not looking back," my sister, who lives in Vancouver, told me.

The horizon does draw you out to it. Out to nowhere, really, or everywhere.

And the tide doesn't care if you're there. When it's violent, it is not angry. When it's placid, it is not happy. It's never sad. It's never questioning. It never answers.

You are to it like a log. Accepted, not even for who you are, but simply for existing. And don't we all want that? That most seductive, liberating feeling. I will never stop seeking it.

Urban Outfitters' smudge kit an insensitive offering



Danielle Paradis

This week, Urban Outfitters came under scrutiny for its sale of a "Local Branch Smudge Kit" (\$39.99 on sale from \$52.00), a sort of pseudo-ceremonial kit marketed towards hipsters as "energy balancing" that contains a wild turkey smudging feather, stoneware smudging dish, candle and instructions.

Many indigenous people feel this is cultural appropriation. What is the big deal? To start with, there is not just one Native American culture; there are hundreds across the U.S. and Canada. Secondly, repeated missteps by retailers and non-indigenous fashion designers could be avoided if they took the opportunity

to engage with indigenous communities in an authentic way, instead of commodifying and misappropriating sacred symbols. Simply put: If Urban Outfitters loves the aboriginal esthetic, maybe they should hire some aboriginal fashion designers and artists.

The manufacturers of the smudge kit are Mackenzie Edgerton and Blaine Vossler, a white couple who call themselves pioneers, live in an Air-stream trailer, and also sell Old West-inspired cellphone holders, bison beanies and shirts featuring buffalo and Native American arrowheads.

Reducing a sacred symbol for aboriginals to product sku number 34519397 is problematic, says Max FineDay, president of the Students' Union at the University of Saskatchewan. FineDay, a young aboriginal man, grew

up around indigenous activism. His involvements with indigenous issues are primarily in politics, but he doesn't miss a chance to speak out against cultural appropriation.

"The smudge kit shows a deep, deep ignorance about indigenous ceremonies, protocols, and laws that exist around use of medicine," FineDay said. "Selling a 'kit' that they market as a New Age/native-inspired answer to relieving stress from your nine-to-five grind is deeply disrespectful for those of us who still practise our traditional ceremonies."

The kit is just the latest misstep for Urban Outfitters. Last year, it found itself in legal trouble for its tacky line of "Navajo Hipster" panties and flasks. The Navajo Nation filed a lawsuit alleging breach of trademark and violations

under the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, which prohibits misleading marketing of American Indian goods in the U.S. As of press time, the smudge kit has been quietly taken down from Urban Outfitters' website. They could not be reached for comment.

It gets tiring to call out corporations for appropriating aboriginal symbols. Whether it's war bonnets or smudge kits, after repeated offenses, they should know better. Says FineDay, "there's an opportunity here for Urban Outfitters to change what is accepted in the fashion industry — they should rise to the challenge."

Danielle Paradis is a writer from Edmonton. She writes about aboriginal issues, gender, education and pop culture.

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Fashion's new poster girls

ADVERTISING

Why major brands hire middle-aged beauties

Mature women are having a moment.

With her silver hair styled into a severe bob, clad all in black with huge sunglasses, 80-year-old author Joan Didion cuts a striking figure in the new ads for Celine.

A guitar-strumming, floppy hat-wearing Joni Mitchell, 71, fronts Saint Laurent's Music Project. Meanwhile Madonna, 56, has been posing for Versace, Julia Roberts, 47, is the face of Givenchy and Italian actress Monica Bellucci, 50, will soon be the oldest ever Bond girl.

But critics question whether this signals a real change in attitudes, or if it's simply the latest shock tactic by a fashion industry that will never give up its love of youth.

The senior market is "one of the most powerful consumer groups in mid- to long-term", said Magdalena Kondej, an

analyst for Euromonitor International.

"This approach would also seem the best option for apparel brands and there is no shortage of poster girls for older, glamorous women," Kondej added.

On the catwalks, even if former supermodels Amber Valletta, 41, and Eva Herzigova, 42, both took to the runways in Paris in January, skinny young women still rule.

But Sylvie Fabregon, who runs the Masters and Silver agencies for older models in the French capital, says she is seeing increased demand for more mature women.

"People are not stupid — women have had enough of seeing 20-year-old girls in adverts for cosmetics to fight wrinkles they don't have," she said.

Sylviane Degunst, 56, was spotted by a model scout two years ago on a London street, and has since appeared in photo shoots for high-fashion brands as well as other adverts.

Slim, although not tall, she has



Monica Bellucci, 50

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killer cheekbones and hair that has been white since she was 18.

Degunst was a writer and publisher in her native France, but struggled to find work

on moving to Britain and has embraced her new career.

"We're not in competition with the young girls, but I think it makes a nice contrast. It's interesting to mix things up."

Artist, writer and curator Sue Kreit-

zman insists that older women are becoming more visible in all public spheres, and even goes so far as to call it an "older lady revolution."

"It's happening slowly, but it really, really is happening," said the 75-year-old London-based New Yorker.

Kreitzman praises the Celine pictures for showing "that older people are here, we're beautiful — we count".

"What I love about it is that Joan Didion doesn't look (even) slightly bit young. She's gorgeous and she's an old lady," she told AFP.

Sandra Howard, a 74-year-old author who was a top model in the 1960s and 1970s, is skeptical about the new trend, saying the fashion ads featuring older women are "not about grey power, but the power to shock."

"It's one thing to have a beautiful older woman in a cosmetics ad — I think that does work," she told AFP, citing The Queen actress Helen Mirren's campaign for L'Oreal.

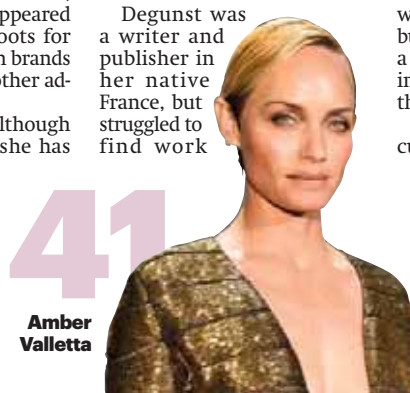
"I think in fashion photography you can mix in older and younger women, I think that's good. But if you go too much and do it as a gimmick, it's slightly offensive really."

However, she concedes things have moved on. "When I was modelling, you were old

when you were 30!" she laughs.
 AFP



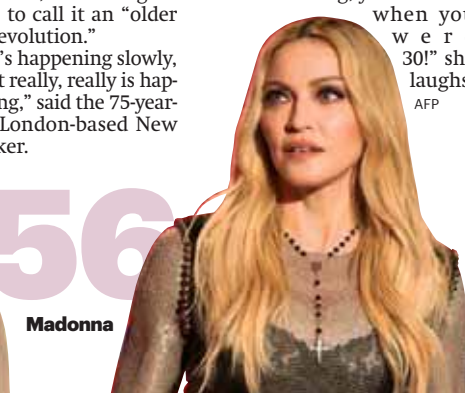
Julia Roberts



Amber Valletta



Eva Herzigova



Madonna



Lala Berlin runway show. VITTORIO ZUNINO CELOTTO/GETTY IMAGES

Denim gets a modern makeover

Along with floral prints and military-style pieces, denim is a key trend this spring. And judging by the latest runway shows, the trend is set to continue through summer and into fall. Whether worn all over (the "Canadian tuxedo" look) or paired with more high-end materials such as lace, denim is everywhere this season, taking us back to the 1990s, only with more modern tailoring.

In jackets, skirts (mini or long), dresses, and jeans, denim is taking over everyone's wardrobe this season. The iconic fabric is the star of the season,

whether raw, washed, printed, dyed or ripped.

Perennial runway staple

Last September, during the Spring-Summer 2015 fashion weeks in Paris, Milan, New York and London, denim made an appearance in nearly every show, not just those of jeans specialists.

There were denim jackets from Burberry Prorsum, denim skirts from Kenzo and even denim culottes from Stella McCartney. Gucci paired its denim jeans with tone-on-tone jean jackets. The French label

Leonard, which presented a number of pieces in printed denim, combined the fabric with lace in playsuits, shirts and shorts.

Tie-ups galore

Confirming the current hype over the famously sturdy fabric, several labels have announced high-profile partnerships related to their new or existing denim lines, including spokesmodel deals and tie-ups with other labels for collections.

The latest and greatest of these collaborations is Italian

design label Giambattista Valli teaming up with American jeans brand 7 For All Mankind. Presented during Milan fashion week, the capsule collection is full of vibrant colours and animal motifs that elevate denim to t/luxury apparel. Finally, longtime denim specialists are attempting to maintain their edge through innovation. Pepe Jeans has come out with its Vacuum Seal, a skin-tight jean designed to hug and sculpt the legs, while Kaporal is touting its new Extendenim, designed to offer total freedom of movement and optimal comfort. AFP

'It's great to be killing teens again'

TEEN LIT

Author R.L. Stine tells Metro how Twitter revived Fear Street

Emily Laurence
Metro | New York

R.L. Stine loves Twitter. The scary story writer not only used it to write an entire short story in rapid-fire tweets last Halloween, he uses it to interact with fans who were kept up all night reading his books in the '80s and '90s. Now, Stine is releasing *Don't Stay Up Late*, the second book in his revived Fear Street series next month:

What went into the decision to revive Fear Street? I did about 80 Fear Street books in the '80s and '90s and I just thought I had killed off enough teenagers for a while, so I stopped

writing them for about 20 years. But my fans on Twitter kept asking me to write another one. I was really honest and told them that I had taken (Fear Street) to some publishers, but no one was interested. Ten minutes later, (an editor) at St. Martin's tweeted me and said she was interested. So, it's great to be killing teens again.

And *Don't Stay Up Late* is the second book in the revived series.

Right. I hadn't written a Fear Street book in 20 years, so I had to get out my map of Shadyside and remember the history, because there's this enormous backstory. I came up with a bunch of ideas and pitched them. The first one was Party Games, and *Don't Stay Up Late* is the second one. Wait until you read the third ... It has the most gruesome scene I've ever written.

When you wrote the original series, how fast were the books coming out?

Every month. People don't believe it, but I was actually writing two books a month, a Fear Street book and a Goosebumps book ... The excitement of having these bestsellers was so exhilarating.

The '90s had this obsession with Goosebumps, and shows like *Are You Afraid Of The Dark?* Why do you think kids were obsessed with being scared?

It was a fad for one thing. Kids want to do what other kids are doing. But when I asked kids what they liked about the books — because I didn't get it — they all said it was because they liked to be scared. I realized that people like to be scared if they know they are safe.

And what about you? Why do you love telling these stories?

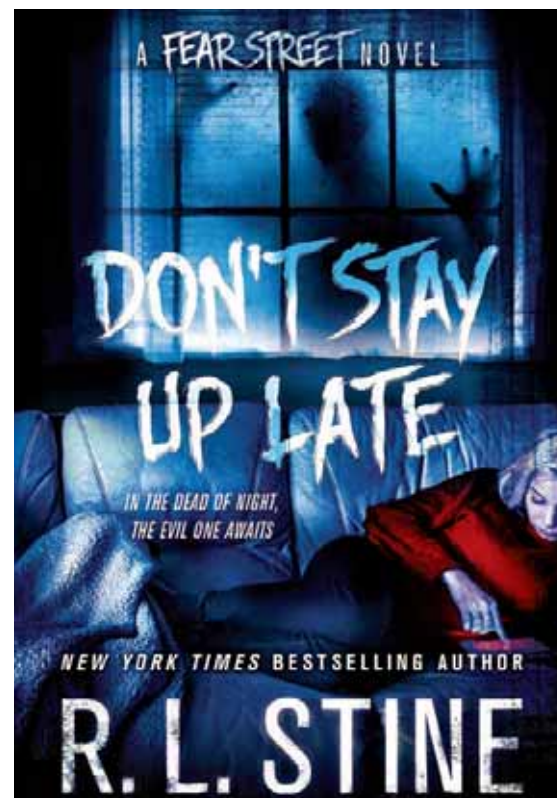
This is what I do. I've been writing since I was nine. I was this weird kid in my room typing all the time. ... But I love these stories. I love thinking of new chapter endings. All my chapters end with a cliffhanger. I started out writing humor and writing a cliffhanger is the same thing as writing a punchline.

Did you like scary stories when you were a kid?

Yeah, I did. When I was a kid, there were these scary comics called *Tales From The Crypt* and *The Vaults of Horror*. They were creepy, but also really funny and they had all these great twist endings. They were very influential for me.

This is what I do. I've been writing since I was nine. I was this weird kid in my room typing all the time.

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A case of vanishing letters between Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie reportedly had the actor in "a panic." GETTY IMAGES

Brangelina's words of woe whip up ado

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Private letters reportedly go missing from French estate



Ned Ehrbar
In Hollywood

Well, this is awkward. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie could see their most intimate secrets revealed if a collection of correspondence between the two that went missing from their estate in France two years ago ever surfaces, according to the National Enquirer.

Oh, and the whole thing is reportedly Pitt's fault. "Brad went into a panic because he couldn't find them. He's ter-

rified that they were lifted by someone who wants to publicly humiliate them," a source says.

The letters in question go up to 2013, when things weren't going so great, apparently.

"Late 2013 was the low point in their relationship," the source allegedly explains. "Brad was open about how he worried Angie might fall for a woman again, and he

even brought up her previous issues with drugs."

OK, two things: One, this "source" seems to know an awful lot about the contents of the missing letters, which is more than a little suspicious. And two, the main take-away here is that Pitt and Jolie actually write letters to each other, which is ridiculously endearing. I bet they even slip into casual French every now and then.

'90S UPDATE

She's all that again

Hollywood is out of ideas, as evidenced once again: The Weinstein Company and Miramax are working on a remake of the 1999 teen rom com *She's All That*, and honestly, doesn't Paul Walker's memory deserve better? The update will reportedly be directed

by Spike Lee's wife, Tonya Lewis Lee, according to the Wrap. Also, not to get all nitpicky and film snobbish, but *She's All That* was already sort of a remake of *My Fair Lady*, which was a remake of *Pygmalion*, so would this truly be a remake? NED EHRBAR/METRO



Who asked for a *She's All That* remake? HANDOUT

JUST KIDDING

Noah no thief: Peters

Canadian comedy giant Russell Peters is stepping back from comments in which he accused incoming Daily Show host Trevor Noah of stealing his material.

The Brampton, Ont.-bred comic told a reporter with Channel NewsAsia's show *Conversation With* that Noah is a "thief."

But after the story was picked up by news outlets around the world, Peters took to Twitter to dismiss the accusations as nothing more

than a joke.

He tweeted to Noah: "I can't believe how gullible the media are! Next time I'll choose a less awkward time to prank U!"

Peters can be seen making the comments in a videotaped interview from Singapore making the rounds online.

The apparent joke follows similar allegations levelled at Noah from another comic, David Kau. THE CANADIAN PRESS



SOFIA VERGARA

Big bosom 'not fun'

Sofia Vergara is all over the latest issue of *Vanity Fair*, and in case the cleavage-heavy cover photo didn't remind you enough of her, ahem, assets, the *Modern Family* star is more than happy to discuss them.

"My boobs are, like, huge. My whole life, buying a bra was a nightmare," she tells the magazine. "What I used to do when I moved to L.A., I found places like Fred-erick's of Hollywood

that make bras for streetwalkers.... I can't think of the word ... you know ... dancers ... strippers. Skinny girls with gigantic boobs."

Yes, Ms. Vergara. I know. Also! Don't go being all jealous of her just because of said rack. "Believe me, I wish I had fake boobs. I lay down and they completely go down like all the way, like here. It's not fun," she says.

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BOOK NOTES

Jessica Seinfeld to serve up another cookbook, humour

Jessica Seinfeld is ready to guide you in the kitchen one more time.

The wife of comedian Jerry Seinfeld is writing two new books for Ballantine Books, an imprint of Random House.

The first, a cookbook, will be released in fall 2016; the second will be a collection of humorous essays and observations. She has written three bestselling cookbooks, one the target of a plagiarism lawsuit that was later dismissed.

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Duncan McAllister FOR METRO



\$249,900

Halifax

Here is a well cared for two-bedroom plus den bungalow in the west end of Halifax, asking \$249,900. The living room boasts refinished hardwood floors and a central fireplace. The eat-in kitchen offers white cabinets. There's a full, unfinished basement with great ceiling height. This home boasts great natural light, and is situated on a spacious lot in a convenient neighbourhood. Listing agent is Meghan Laing with Domus Realty, 902-830-1377.



\$349,900

Calgary

This two-bedroom, one-bathroom bungalow at 236 — 17 Avenue NE, is a great opportunity for first-time buyers who want a house at condo prices. It's located on a desirable street, one block between Centre Street and Edmonton Trail. Priced at \$349,900, "it is one of the least expensive single-family homes available within Calgary's inner-city," says listing agent Bob Dawe, with RE/MAX real estate (Central), 403-276-7653.



\$599,000

Ottawa

This two-plus-one bedroom at 200 Dunston Terrace is listed for \$599,000. Located in the Solera Community, it's an open-concept bungalow with 18-foot cathedral ceilings and 1,888 square feet of living space, a designer kitchen and stainless appliances. Listing agents, Kelly Ebbs and Kerry Millican are sales representatives with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-729-9090.

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The best reads for your renovation

DESIGN CENTRE

Karl Lohnes



Whether contemplating a redecoration of your condo, a basement renovation or planning a new kitchen or bath, there's a book to get you primed for every project. I went to Chapters Indigo and found these helpful reads.

COLOURS

A Colorful Home: Create Lively Palettes For Every Room

Susan Hable, 2015, Chronicle Books

The author takes the simplest elements from nature and turns those ideas and colours into beautiful rooms. Bright confetti can inspire a multi-tiled wall of bright tile in a bathroom or autumn leaves can inspire a golden-toned family room retreat. From fabric to paint to wallpaper (and more), you will be inspired to incorporate colour into your next decorating project.

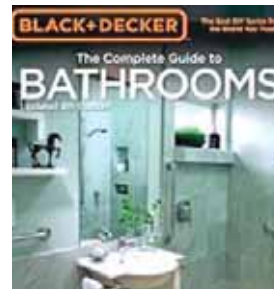


KITCHENS

House Beautiful Kitchens

Lisa Cregan, 2012, Hearst Publishers

There is a section called Stalking The Look where alternative products are suggested to help you borrow the ideas in a more affordable manner. This book is less hands-on practicality and more about discovering inspiration.



BATHROOMS

Black+Decker The Complete Guide To Bathrooms

Updated 4th Edition, 2015, Cool Springs Press

This book is for the handy do-it-yourself type and for those that want to be able to speak a language of renovation with their contractor throughout the bathroom process.



DECORATING

Domino: The Book of Decorating

Dara Caponigro, Deborah Needleman and Sara Ruffin

This is one of the best decorating books on the market; chock full of decor tips, rules and ideas, plus stylist tricks to help finish off a room in style. All from seasoned decorating magazine editors and stylists.



BASEMENTS

Design Ideas for Basements, 2nd Edition

Wayne Kalyn, Fox Chapel Publishing, 2008

This book offers expert advice on tackling the practical side of renovating a basement (mould, heating, permits, etc) and then gives hundreds of stylish ideas.



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Not everything is obvious when buying your first home, so be alert to ensure you're not caught off guard. SHUTTERSTOCK

TIPS

To do and not to do when considering your first home

Stephanie Orford
For Metro

Are you reaching the cusp of financial stability (finally!) and considering buying your first home? You aren't out of the woods just yet.

Buying a home can be rewarding, but there are some dos and don'ts to consider, and not all of them are obvious, said Darcy McLeod, president of the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver.

Here are some key steps and pitfalls to watch out for on the way to owning your first home.

FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD

First-time homebuyers will sometimes go out looking at homes before they understand the total costs of buying and owning a home, McLeod said.

"They'll fall in love with something and find out that

they can't afford it, and then the places that they can afford just don't measure up. Make sure you have your financial ducks in a row."

The antidote is to get pre-approved for a mortgage from your lender — a financial institution or mortgage broker.

Also, consider the nitty gritty costs, including mortgage payments, property taxes, insurance, utility costs, strata payments and maintenance. Find them all out and do the math before you commit.

ANALYZE YOUR NEEDS

"A mistake a lot of people make is they look at all the shiny pictures on the Internet without thinking of what's truly important in a home," McLeod said.

This pitfall can waste a lot of time and energy if you are looking at homes that don't suit your lifestyle needs.

DON'T BE A STARRY-EYED IDEALIST

The average first-time homebuyer stays in their home for about five to seven years — not for a lifetime.

When you are looking for a place, if you aim for the absolutely, perfect, forever home,

you are probably imposing too many barriers on yourself, McLeod said.

DON'T OFFEND THE SELLER WITH A LOWBALL OFFER

"The tendency to want to get a really good deal on something can sometimes cause you to get less of a good deal," McLeod said. "If you're buying a resale home, you have to understand the seller will have some emotional attachment to the home. Your realtor can help you establish what a reasonable value for the home is."

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE INSPECTING

Before you make an offer, you need to know what costs could rear their ugly heads down the road. Get a good home inspector to help give you the down-low.

For a condo, that means making sure whole-building components such as plumbing and heating are in good condition.

Detached homes come with a Pandora's box of issues to watch for — corroded oil tanks buried in the backyard, leaky poly-B plumbing pipes in some '80s homes, or incorrectly installed aluminum wiring that can pose a fire hazard.

Finding the perfect fit to make it home sweet home

The age of the suburb prevails.

According to a recent TD survey, when it comes to raising a family, the preferred place to live is the 'burbs.

Despite the consensus, the survey did find a generational divide, with younger Canadians (or 33 per cent of those surveyed) preferring urban living, while older Canadians (or 32 per cent of those surveyed) opting for small town or rural living. The suburbs were the preference for 31 per cent of respondents.

It's about the importance of 'homefitting' — or finding the right home for whatever stage

of life you are at," says Kate Taylor, TD's senior manager of real estate secured lending.

"For example, many younger people clearly see the appeal of urban living, but that can come at a price, which makes it even more important to start saving for the home of your dreams as early as possible," adds Taylor.

Although millennials at 33 per cent and Gen X at 36 per cent were more likely to live in a major city, congestion and the high cost of urban living were the main reasons they would be deterred from raising a family there. They would, however, stay in the city, if they could

find a family-sized condo, the study said.

"People buying a home in the city, whether it's a condo or a house, need to keep their options open in case they want to move later when their family situation changes," says Taylor.

As trading a smaller home for a bigger one takes careful planning, Taylor recommends products such as tax-free savings accounts and RRSPs, to take advantage of the federal government's Home Buyers' Plan, to prepare for higher monthly mortgage payments, property taxes and other associated costs.

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A TD survey shows young people prefer urban living, while older Canadians lean towards small town or rural living. SHUTTERSTOCK IMAGES



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Knee injury shuts down McDonald's playoff run

QMJHL

Islanders goalie says he was hurt on an 'innocent' play

Mason McDonald's season is over.

The Charlottetown Islanders goaltender suffered a knee injury March 30 in Game 3 of the team's first-round Quebec Major Junior Hockey League playoff series against the Sherbrooke Phoenix.

The injury comes after the 18-year-old Halifax native was named the Islanders' MVP in his first full season in Charlottetown.

He went 28-22-0-4 with a 3.06 goals-against average and .906 save percentage, while playing the fourth-most minutes (3,194) in the league.

"You have a month of training camp, you play 68 games all for the playoffs," he said Wednesday. "To get injured in the third game of playoffs, it sucks."

The injury occurred without any contact five minutes into the Islanders' first home play-off game.

"It was just an innocent side-to-side play," said McDonald, a Calgary Flames draft pick.

"It's part of the game, it happens. I can't do anything about it and I am just looking to recover as quick as possible and be back to 100 per cent."

McDonald was wearing a brace on his knee and heading to physiotherapy when con-



Goaltender Mason McDonald of Halifax wishes he was with his Charlottetown Islanders teammates as they prepare for their second-round playoff series. THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN FILE

tacted Wednesday.

"He has a significant knee injury that does not require surgery," Islanders general manager Grant Sonier said. "It's good bad news, if there is such a thing ... Doctors expect a full recovery."

Both the Islanders and Flames medical staves checked out McDonald and they expect him to be sidelined for upwards of eight weeks.

McDonald said he has some Flames camps this summer that he wants to be ready for and there is also the possibility of

MCDONALD TRIVIA

- Mason McDonald turns 19 on April 23.
- The six-foot-four goalie tips the scales at 200 pounds.
- McDonald was the top goalie taken in the 2014

NHL Draft. The Calgary Flames selected him 34th overall, early in the second round.

- His glove hand is his right hand, which is less common.

being invited to a Hockey Canada camp.

Following McDonald's injury, Daryl MacCallum stepped in and

backstopped the Islanders to the series victory over the Phoenix. He was 3-1 and leads the league with a 1.70 goals-against aver-

age and a .952 save percentage.

The Islanders advance to the second round of the playoffs for the first time since its first year in Charlottetown in 2013-14. They now face the Memorial Cup hosts, the Quebec Remparts, in the second round, beginning Friday in Quebec City.

"I'll do everything I can to support them and cheer them on," McDonald said. "When they come back to Charlottetown, I'll be there pushing for them."

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THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

IN BRIEF

Holtby turns shutout hat trick at Bruins' expense

Braden Holtby made 27 saves while shutting out the Boston Bruins for the third time this season, Marcus Johansson had a goal and an assist and the Washington Capitals defeated the Bruins 3-0 on Wednesday night.

Holtby earned his 41st win of the season to match the franchise record set by Olaf Kolzig in 1999-00.

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Cavaliers lock up Central Division title

Kyrie Irving scored 27 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers held on to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 104-99 on Wednesday night, clinching the Central Division title and the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference.

LeBron James scored 21 points with nine rebounds and eight assists for the Cavs, including 10 points in the fourth quarter. Kevin Love added 16 points and 11 rebounds.

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Otters file for bankruptcy

The Erie Otters filed for bankruptcy on Wednesday, a move owner Sherry Bassin insists won't affect the OHL team's immediate future.

Bassin said Erie Hockey Club Limited filed for voluntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy as a way to prevent Edmonton Oilers owner Daryl Katz's Ontario Major Junior Hockey Corporation from holding its own private sale of the Otters and their assets. Bassin still plans to sell the team and pay off creditors, including Katz, but said filing was necessary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

AWARDS

Mooseheads' golden boys bring home new hardware

When asked on social media video "what time is it?" at the 2015 Golden Puck Awards Gala held Wednesday night in Montreal, a slightly blushing but undeniably smiling Timo Meier looked briefly down at his watch.

"It's Timo time!" the 19-year-old Halifax Moosehead responded, a fun shout out to

the catch phrase that has chased him around this season.

It's a well-deserved one for Meier, who has been listed 10th overall in final 2015 draft rankings announced Wednesday by NHL Central Scouting.

As the top QMJHL player listed, Meier is subsequently bringing home the Michael Bossy Trophy for being named the top



Timo Meier
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professional prospect at the annual Golden Puck Awards hosted by the league.

Meier finished 11th overall in Quebec Major Junior Hockey

League regular-season scoring, and second for the Mooseheads, with 44 goals and 46 assists in 61 games played.

The power forward also notched five goals and three assists in the Herd's first-round, seven-game playoff series win over the Shawinigan Cataractes.

But he wasn't the only Mooseheads member to steal the spot-

light at the Golden Puck Awards Gala.

Nikolaj Ehlers, 19, perhaps better known as the "dashing Dane" (and at times this season, controversially "diving Dane"), was awarded the Paul Dumont Trophy, given to the personality of the year.

Despite taking third overall in scoring during the regular

season, leading the Mooseheads with 37 goals and 64 assists in 51 games played, Ehlers lost the Michel Briere Trophy for Most Valuable Player to Connor Garland of the Moncton Wildcats.

Herd forward Connor Moynihan, 17, also made the cut for the NHL Central Scouting final rankings, listed at 156th overall. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

RECIPE Mediterranean Burgers with Feta Cheese Sauce

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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Prep time: 15

Cook time: 10

Directions

1. To make the burgers, combine the ground beef, egg, dried basil and oregano, breadcrumbs, ketchup, garlic, onion and feta in a large bowl and shape into 4 burger patties. Grill or sauté in a pan lightly coated with cooking spray. Cook on one side for 7 minutes, then turn over and cook 3 to 5 more minutes or just until beef is done.

2. Combine all the sauce ingredients in a food processor and purée until smooth.

3. Serve the burgers with the sauce and garnish with fresh basil or parsley.

Ingredients

Burgers:

- 1 lb extra-lean ground beef
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 3 tbsp seasoned dry breadcrumbs
- 3 tbsp ketchup
- 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese (about 1 oz)



Sauce:

- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese (about 1 oz)
- 1/4 cup light cream cheese (about 2 oz), softened
- 3 tbsp low-fat plain yogurt (or sour cream)
- 1/2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp water
- 1/2 tsp dried basil

Garnish (optional):

- 3 Tbsp chopped fresh basil or parsley

Nutrition per serving (per burger)

- Calories 257
- Protein 29 g
- Carbohydrates 11 g
- Fibre 0.9 g
- Total fat 11 g
- Saturated fat 4.8 g
- Cholesterol 126 mg
- Sodium 370 mg

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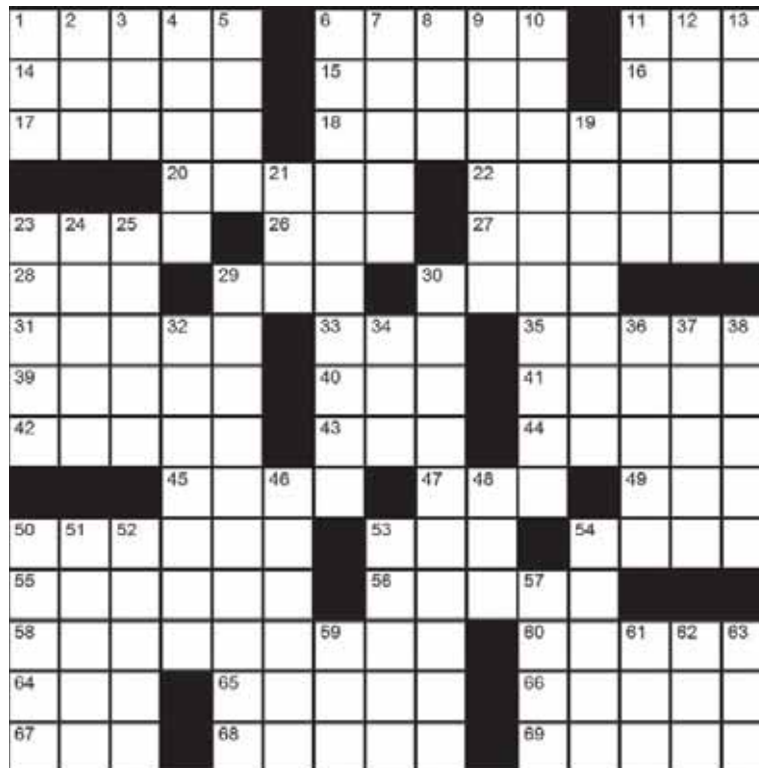
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ACROSS

1. "Mr. D" on CBC actor Mr. Savage
6. DOB's "B"
11. "Box of chocolates" movie character ...his initials-sharers
14. The Hub' of Nova Scotia
15. "It's ___ country!"
16. 'Motor' suffix
17. ___ charge (Held the helm)
18. Ship's hull creatures
20. Green hue
22. Farine d'___ (French for 'oat flour')
23. Maintenance
26. Dining surface [abbr.]
27. The ___ (Canadian a cappella group)
28. Overseas MTV honour [acronym]
29. Bzzz-er
30. Where to look in the song "Misty": 2 wds.
31. Persian Gulf emirate
33. Small, cute-style
35. Make corrections
39. "It's ___ from God!"
40. French article
41. South American animal
42. Excavated again
43. Plymouth ___ (Vintage car)
44. Pointer Sisters member
45. Scintilla
47. Whole
49. Weep



50. Persuade with pressure
53. ___ Park (Pittsburgh Pirates ballpark)
54. Manipulates
55. Gospel singer Mr. Crouch
56. More peculiar
58. Old show on MuchMusic, "Pepsi

- ___" (More at #10-Down!)
60. Toward the stern
64. Victor Hugo play, ___ Blas
65. 'Tooth'-meaning prefix
66. Princess Beatrice's mum

67. Prince Valiant's son
68. "So long!": 2 wds.
69. Gateway

DOWN

1. "Oh, yeah..." in e-mail
2. British singer Rita

3. 'Vigor' suffix
4. "Survivor" team
5. Fine-tune
6. Song by Canadian troubadour Raffi: 2 wds.
7. Patsy Cline's "___ to Pieces"
8. Basic educ.
9. Renter

10. Music genre for #58-Across: 2 wds.
11. Literature leaf
12. Canadian DJ/producer Mr. Morrison
13. Common mailing requests
19. Camping stove company
21. Path [abbr.]
23. Tree variety
24. Entertain
25. Like the Stephen King dog Cujo
29. Players mark them when letter/number combos are called: 2 wds.
30. Fort ___ National Historic Site of Canada, in BC
32. "___ the Wrath of God" (1972) directed by Werner Herzog
34. Chg. card percentage
36. Sagas
37. Gunpowder component
38. Horse-hauled carts
46. Small chuckle
48. TV type
50. Director Frank
51. "___ Merry Way" (1948)
52. "A Girl Like You" by ___ Collins
53. Sulky
54. Country star Keith
57. Slacken
59. Counter's beginning...
61. Pottery/paintings
62. Distant
63. Your, biblically

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
What would you do if you knew that success was guaranteed? So why are you not doing it? The Sun in your sign makes all things possible.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Either you will set your sights too high or set them too low over the next 24 hours. You're in one of your "take it to the limit" moods!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You usually get what you want in the long-term — your powers of persuasion are legendary — and you will find it easier than ever to get what you want today. You'll be amazed what others agree to.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You are negotiating from a position of strength, so don't let anyone offer you less than you are worth. That applies to the work front, where someone in a position of authority will cheat you if they think they can.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If you get the urge to try something different over the next 24 hours then by all means follow your instincts. Leo may be a "fixed" sign but in fact you can be quite adventurous.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Tell others exactly what you think today and, if some people don't like it, that's just too bad. Don't be offensive for the sake of it but make sure everyone knows your views.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The ball is very much in someone else's court at the moment and all you can do is wait. Don't get impatient if they take their time about it because that will encourage them to go even slower.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will work extremely hard over the next 24 hours — you will get twice as much done as you usually manage. But are you working for yourself or are you working for other people?

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Whatever you start now will bring success in the not too distant future, so make it something you can look back on with pride. It's time to let your creative side come to the fore.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Try not to be too critical of other people today, because however well meaning your comments may be if they're too negative they won't go down well. Loved ones, especially, need your support, so be positive.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You won't find it difficult to get what you want today but don't forget if someone makes you a loan there will come a time when you have to pay it back. Think ahead.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Start something new today, something that will make you popular and make you some serious money. But don't get impatient. This is a long-term project.

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